

C.A.R.S. ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL !

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FROM THE PREZ

It may only be August, but I am having thoughts of Thanksgiving already. Not that I'm pushing the autumn season, since the summer has been a fine time to be a member of C.A.R.S. With the summer meetings in the park, our participation in the Tour de Cure, Field Day and the club picnic, there has been a lot to enjoy. Those activities are a part of the reason I'm feeling thankful. Other things that make our club great include the scholarships, the VE sessions, the weekly nets, the *Wobbly Oscillator*, the licensing classes, our Christmas party, refreshments at the meetings, the sunshine cards, field trips and others various activities. I'm sincerely thankful to the members who make it all happen.

I am more than thankful to my mentor and C.A.R.S. ex-president, Bob Check, W8GC. Actually, all C.A.R.S. members owe Bob a debt of thanks, as well. Over the time frame of his tenure as president he added and improved many of the activities the club is involved with. The licensing classes are a good example. Besides initiating the concept, he organizes the program by setting up the schedule, promoting the classes, securing the meeting place,

recruiting the instructors, developing the courses and printing the material. During the schedule he makes sure all the details are taken care of. It was Bob's ideal to reward all Technician graduates with a C.A.R.S. membership. Not one to leave something good alone, Bob added a second set of courses this year, so now we will do two in 2009. These classes have brought many new hams into the hobby and many new members to our fine club. Bob also has promoted and helped get the Copley Middle School radio club up and running. He has also volunteered support to other school amateur radio demonstrations, and the Boy Scout events.

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Bob's crowning achievement was the 2007 ARRL Great Lakes Division convention. He secured the event over other prospective host organizations. He organized a supporting crew, and invited an impressive group of guest speakers. The convention site left little to be desired. The exhibit areas, meeting rooms, hospitality suite and banquet were all first class.

Most members were not aware that I was quite ill in the weeks preceding Field Day. A couple of weeks before the event, I wasn't even sure if I would be well enough to participate. I have been organizing Field day for the last few years, and it is quite a chore. Bob supported and helped me to get things ready as well as possible. I'll never forget what he did for me, the club, and our biggest event of the year. So the next time you see Bob, you may want take a second and thank him for all he's done.

It's now time to make the detailed plans for our October field trip to the ARRL headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. We passed a sign up sheet around at the July meeting for those who plan to go. I have also e-mailed all club members to let me know if they are going. If both of those got by you, and you want to go to Newington, please contact me. We will have a meeting of those who are going to make the final arrangements.
73, Toby, WT8O

JULY 2009 MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. July monthly meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman WT8O on the 15th of the month. The meeting was held at the Oak Grove Picnic area in the Brecksville portion of the Metroparks. Thirty-four members and two guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

The June meeting minutes were approved as published in the July Wobbly Oscillator. There were no additions, corrections or

questions noted.

Bob Check, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report of the treasury balance. He also mentioned that all picnic, field day and scholarship expenses had been paid. Picnic expenses were \$90.11 less than the previous year and field day expenses were \$437.99 less than the previous year. Many people brought food to field day or donated money to help with the expenses. The Scholarship Raffle generated \$693.80 profit. All scholarship money will be allotted to a separate fund and will not be part of the general income.

Toby Kolman, WT8O announced that Steve Jones N8SRJ the secretary was not in attendance tonight due to work.

Vice President Eddie Stevens Jr., KD8FTS invited everyone to visit the NASA Visitors Center on Saturday, July 18th. There is a amateur radio satellite station set up and the visitors center will be closing the end of September. Hours are 10am - 3pm and he suggested as a group to arrive at 11am. Eddie also announced that Ron Borkey, K8VJG and Gary Dewey, NI8Z will do a antenna tuning demo after the August meeting. Eddie is also trying to secure a APRS demo for the September meeting with Matt, WD8DES of VEs.

Scotty Shields, WA8SLN presented Daniel Dressler, KC8OJD and Christina Check, W8HBI with their 2009 CARS Scholarship Awards. Dave Dressler KD8V said he has several Copley Middle School students studying through the summer at his house. He hopes to have them test ready before school starts. He's expecting to have four new technicians, two upgrading to general and one upgrading to extra.

Bob Check, W8GC announced that he has applied for a call for the Copley High School Ham Radio Station. When it comes in he will apply for a vanity call sign of WA8CHS providing it's still available. Dave, KD8V announced that Copley High School has agreed to pay for and have the coax run for the Ham Radio Station.

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Scotty Shields WA8SLN announced that he sent three Sunshine Cards; One to the wife of Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE who recently passed away. Also to wife of Don Leyden, N8DFL a CARS Member who passed away and Paul Maruna, KD8HWP a CARS member who is currently being treated for cancer.

Gary Dewey, N18Z reported on the July 12th VE exam session. Gary said he had eight VE's and five test takers. Everyone passed their exams, with four new technicians and two new extras. (One gentlemen came in and took all three tests and passed them all!) The next session will be in September. Gary also announced he will be retiring as VE coordinator at end of 2009 and that Steve Riley, N8IS will be new coordinator in 2010.

Tom Wayne, WB8N reminded everyone that the Diabetes Walk will be October 3rd. He's looking for 12 to 15 volunteers and said to watch the WO and your e-mail for updates with information. Tom also mentioned that he hopes to get a copy of the route prior to the event.

Toby Kolman, WT8O gave information about the CARS Family Picnic, saying that everyone had a good time, great cooking and food. Three people won \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards: Eddie Stevens Jr., KD8FTS, Rich Wintrich Jr and Jean Offutt. Thirty nine people attended the CARS Family picnic where hamburgers, hotdogs, bbq chicken, Italian sausage, brats and George, K8KR's famous cole slaw were served. The hard working cooks Bill Brown, N8BBB, Adam Grossmyer, N8MOX and Tom Wayne, WB8N received a round of applause for their efforts.

The top sellers of the scholarship raffle tickets received \$10 Giant Eagle Gift Cards. First place was Ron Borkey, K8VJG and 2nd place was Toby Kolman, WT8O. 3rd place seller, Bob, W8GC and 4th place seller Paul Maruna, KD8HWP received three free tickets. Winners drawn for the Scholarship Raffle were: First Place \$300 Wayne Smith K8FF, Second Place \$200 Jack Gulick And Third Place \$100 Ron Borkey K8VJG.

President Kolman WT8O passed a sign up

sheet around for the Field Trip scheduled to ARRL in October. Plans to have a meeting with people who are planning on attending.

Toby thanked the refreshment people for their continued efforts. Ron Borkey, K8VJG for bringing donuts and never turning in any receipts. Mike Balach, KB8UGT for liquid refreshments and Gary Dewey N18Z for coffee. Gary announced that he's retiring from the coffee duties and Toby asked for volunteers. Darren Turk, K8DMT volunteered to take over that position.

Toby then announced that he was contacted by the Boy Scouts to participate in a event at Berea Fairgrounds on May 21st of 2010. Eddie, KD8FTS announced that he would work the station but didn't have a antenna or equipment to take. Ron, K8VJG said if it's a Sunday he could go and has equipment and antenna that can be used.

Linda Sinko, N8LRS said she had pictures from Field Day and thanked Toby for paying for the processing. She told people to view the pictures and to take any they wanted.

Mark Studer, KC8FQV told the group that PCARS is having an Amateur Radio Cruise-In Night on Wed, Aug 5th starting at 5pm. It will be held at the A & W Restaurant in Ravenna. A Prize will be awarded to the best overall installation.

Toby announced that Field Day 2009 was better than the previous year. We finished with 10,385 points, 325 more than last year. He also ask for suggestions for another field day site as we are not completely sold on the Al Koran site for next year. There have been double booking issues and also there are not a lot of trees for wire antennas left.

Bob Check W8GC said he has raffle tickets for the next Scholarship Raffle drawing at our Christmas Party for anyone who is interested.

The 50/50 raffle ticket was drawn by Steve Riley, N8IS and the winner was George Pindroh, K8KR who took home \$27.00. *continued on next page....*

President Toby reminded everyone that CARS has hats, shirts, sweatshirts and jackets available for purchase

A motion to close the meeting came from Gary, NI8Z and was seconded by Steve, N8IS. The motion was passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

The program for the night was done by Steve Riley, N8IS who gave a very interesting demonstration of a magnet based wall fishing tool.

C.A.R.S. ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

The 4th annual C.A.R.S. Family Picnic was held on Friday, 10th and was once again held at the Independence park. There was a total of 49 members that signed up for the picnic and there were 10 no shows for one reason or another. All the food except for the hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken was donated by members, and good food it was too!. Everyone seemed to have a great time eating and chatting and the weather cooperated with us as well.

The winners of the gift certificates, the scholarship raffle, and other winners are listed in the meeting minutes so I am not going to list them again, but congratulations to all the winners! Below are some pictures of some of the members and their guests enjoying themselves.



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A CLOSER LOOK

This month's Closer Look is at Gary Dewey, NI8Z.

Where were you born? **Toledo, Ohio.**

What is your favorite childhood memory? **Playing ball at the school yards.** If you could be stuck at one age forever, what age would that be, and why? **14, because everything was so innocent and new and my mother was still alive.**

What's your favorite food? **Lasagna.**

What are your favorite TV shows? **Burn Notice, NCIS, the CSI shows, The Unit, Streaming TV from AZ Billiards, The O'Reilly Factor, Emeril, The Golf Channel.**

What are your favorite movies? **Kill Bill Vols. 1 & 2, The Music Man, anything with Jet Li, Red, White, Blue, (these are individual movies) Japanese or English movies with English sub-titles, The Harry Potter Series, anything with Bruce Willis or Steven Segal, The Monty Stratton Story.**

What type of music do you enjoy the most? **Deep Southern Blues (Cajon or old time blues).**

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What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day? **Eat dark chocolate.**

What would be your ideal job, other than your current one or retired position? **Being a photographer for Playboy Magazine.**

Who or what always makes you laugh? **I don't laugh too much anymore. (That's a bunch of bull. Ed)**

What one thing would people be surprised to know about you? **There are no surprises. WUSIWUG. (I beg to differ on that one too. - Ed)**

If you could pick one place in the universe to visit, where would it be and why? **The first inhabited planet, inside or outside our solar system, because it would be very interesting.**

If you could be an animal, which one would it be? **A lion.**

If you were to win the lottery, what would be the first thing you would do with the money? **Take my golfing friends to Ireland and Scotland for a week of golfing.**

Thanks for the insight Gary.

trouble with that is that there will be a charge to park, another charge to visit the Science Museum, and there will be no Amateur Radio display and demonstration.



WB8ROK & KD8FTS
manning the radio station.

VISIT TO NASA VISITOR CENTER

On Saturday, July 18th, some of the C.A.R.S. members visited the NASA Visitor Center at the John Glenn Research Center. The place was packed with families and lots of kiddies. Ed, WB8ROK and Eddie, KD8FTS were manning the Amateur Radio satellite station in the center. Some of the C.A.R.S. members paying a visit were Gary, NI8Z his son Steve, N8BVD and his family, Ron, K8VJG, Adam, N8MOX, Tom, WB8N, and Ken, K8OAE. The accompanying photos are courtesy of K8OAE. If you want to pay a visit to the NASA Visitor Center you had better make plans to do it soon, as the word is that NASA is closing the visitor center sometime in September of 2009. It would be a shame if they go ahead with those plans, as the center, tho dated, is very interesting and lots of school children visit the center during the school year. If it is closed, it will be re-opened at the Science Museum down by the lake front. The



WB8N, N8MOX with son Dominic, and
Ed, WB8ROK at the helm.

TWO C.A.R.S. MEMBERS WIN CLEAN SWEEP AWARD.

Metro Sinko, W8MET and Dwaine Modock, K8ME have earned the July 4th Clean Sweep Award, which is earned by working all of the original thirteen colonies. This is one of among many awards that are available through the ARRL. Good work guys!



great food prepared by C.A.R.S. own chefs and provided by C.A.R.S. and it's members and families attending the picnic.
FIELD DAY 2009

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, we did a sight better with points earned this year than last. We'll have to wait for the official results to come out, but hopefully we'll place even better than we did last year. The bands were in better shape this year, but that also gave other competitors an advantage as well. We have more Field Day pics in this issue.

TIME TO SAY 73

I'm running out of space this month, so I'll end this month's column with a 73, and hope to see you at the August meeting. Don't forget to check into the C.A.R.S. Wednesday evening net every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. local time.
de Tom, WB8N

2009 Field Day pictures below

THE LONG WIRE

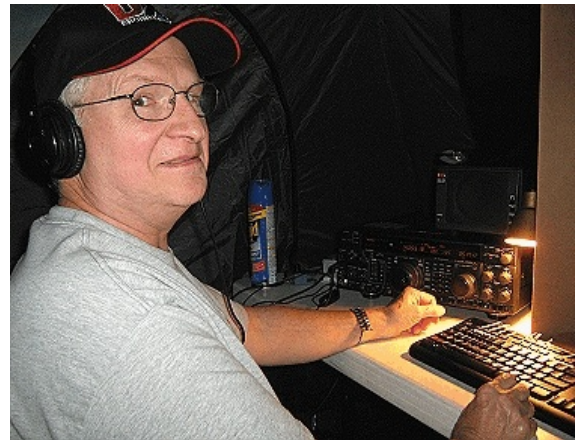
By Tom Wayne, WB8N

LAST PICNIC MEETING OF SUMMER

Yes, the August meeting on Tuesday, August 11th, will be the last meeting in the park for this year boys and girls. I really enjoy the meetings in the park, cooking out before the meetings, and generally enjoying the great outdoors. So, if you can, and so desire, bring your burgers, weenies, or steaks to cook out before the meeting starts. The club will provide the fire, all you have to do is bring your own food. There will be a great demonstration put on by Ron, K8VJG and his accomplice Gary, NI8Z after the meeting as well.

A FULL HAM SUMMER

There have been a lot of great activities for C.A.R.S. members this summer, starting with the bus trip to Dayton in May, followed by the Diabetes Tour de Cure in which several of our members took part, and of course Field Day at the end of June. Then July 10th was our 4th annual C.A.R.S. Family Picnic which featured



Wayne Smith, K8Ff on 20
Meters CW



Adam, N8MOX at the mike at
Mike, KB8UGT's 40 meter phone
Station.



N8BBB hard at work.



KD8FTV, KB8UGT, & KD8FTU at
Field Day



The back of NI8Z, with W8MET at the
40 meter CW station.



N8TCP with N8MOX at the Solar Station.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Date	Call	Name
8/09	WU8A	Bill Sarver
8/10	KD8AJX	Roy McClure
8/11	N8IS	Steve Riley
8/14	KD8FTS	Eddie Stevens
8/17	WB8N	Tom Wayne
8/21	KA8EEW	Dick Engum
8/24	KC8LAU	Gerald Purcell
8/28	N8SMH	Steve Hnatiac
8/29	KB8KQS	April Oliver

Congratulations to all and many Happy Returns!



Steve N8IS doing his "magnetic wire fishing demo" at the July meeting

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